

Arizona Blue Spruce Selected to be "The People's Tree"

SCOTTSDALE - U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell is reminding Arizona schools and schoolchildren that the deadline to drop off ornaments for the Capitol Christmas Tree is October 5. For the first time in history, Arizona has been selected as the state to provide Congress' official Christmas tree and it will be displayed in front of the U.S. Capitol during the holiday season.

"Arizona's selection to provide the Capitol Christmas Tree presents us with an extraordinary opportunity to showcase Arizona's diverse beauty as well as the talent, enthusiasm and state spirit of our children," Mitchell said. "Ornaments are due at [drop off locations](#) next week. I encourage schools and students to participate and look forward to seeing their creativity on display."

The tree will be cut on Saturday, November 7, 2009 and will [tour the state of Arizona](#) for 10 days. After the Arizona tour, the Capitol Christmas Tree will embark upon another tour across the country on its way to Washington, D.C.

For more information about the [drop off locations](#) , the Christmas tree tours and other [special events](#) as well as background and history about the National Christmas Tree visit <http://capitolchristmastree2009.org/>